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HEALTH OF CLAYTON-le-MOORS

by

DR. A. DODD

and

J. H. BRIDGE.

Sanitary Inspector.

TO THE

CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE URBAN DISTRICT

COUNCIL OF CLAYTON-le-MOORS.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the pleasure to present the Medical Officer's Report upon the health of the Urban District for the year 1942.

This again is an interim Report. It is intended that any items omitted will be dealt with in a Report at the termination of the war.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The area of the district is 1,060 acres. The population figure at the census of 1931 was 7,909 .

The general health of the population was good. Little improvement was noticeable in the general cleanliness of the body and clothing of children.

Nits and lice in the hair of children still persist , although a slight improvement was evident towards the latter part of the year. More mothers are employed in industry, and this may partially account for this neglect.

VITAL STATISTICS.

		Total.	Male.	Female.
Live Births	Legitimate	96	55	41
	Illegitimate	4	1	3
	Total	100	56	44

		Total.	Male.	Female.
Still Births	Legitimate	8	4	4
	Illegitimate	1	-	1
	Total	9	4	5

	Total.	Male.	Female.
Deaths	90	49	41
Deaths ~~from~~ of infants under 1 year of age	6	2	4

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES:-	Deaths.
Puerperal and post-abortive sepsis	Nil
Other maternal causes	Nil

Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	14
" " Measles (all ages)	Nil
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)	Nil
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)	2

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The ambulance of the Burnley Joint Hospital Board is used to convey patients to the Infectious Diseases Hospital at Burnley.

NURSING.

The Accrington District Nursing Association provides home nursing in Clayton-le-Moors.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

This service is administered by the County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics were continued weekly and Ante and Post-Natal Clinics each fortnight. The help of the ladies of the voluntary committee at the Infant Welfare Clinic is gratefully acknowledged.

SCHOOL MEDICAL INSPECTION.

The school medical service is provided by the County Council. Medical Inspection was carried out by myself as Assistant County Medical Officer.

The school clinics continued as usual at Rishton comprising, Minor Ailment, Orthopaedic, Ophthalmic and Dental Clinics.

HOSPITALS.

No Hospitals or Registered Nursing Homes existed within the Urban District.

HEALTH EDUCATION.

The services outlined above are available to all and are generally speaking, well used. Efforts are made to secure a wider use of the Health Services by the personal recommendation of the Medical Officer, Health Visitors, School Teachers and others. Posters are exhibited at the Town Hall, Welfare Centres, Clinics and in the Schools.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Accrington District Gas and Water Board undertake this service and make the necessary tests of the quality of the water. The supply was constant and sufficient.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE.

This service is undertaken by the Clayton-le-Moors and Great Harwood Joint Sewerage Board, and extends to all premises save a few isolated farms. Periodical testing and flushing was carried out.

Scavenging is carried out by the Sanitary Authority under the Council's Surveyor's Supervision.

Further details regarding Sanitary circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food, are contained in the report of the Sanitary Inspector.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

The following table shows the number of new cases of tuberculosis notified during the year and the number of deaths from the disease which occurred in the various age groups.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
	Respiratory.		Non Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Years.								
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
20	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
45	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals ...	3	2	-	1	4	2	-	-
	5		1		6		-	

The Tuberculosis Service for the area is administered by the County Council and one of their principal dispensaries is only a few yards outside the boundary of the Urban District.

This dispensary is constantly open with a full clerical and health visiting staff. One consultant and one other Tuberculosis Officer of the County Council attend several times a week to see patients recommended for consultation by Local Practitioners or cases found by the Medical Officer in course of routine work in schools, ante-natal or welfare clinics.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS.

The table overleaf shows the number of cases of infectious disease, other than tuberculosis, notified during 1942.

Notifiable Diseases.	Total Cases: all ages.	Removed to Hospital.	Deaths in Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	13	-	-	-
Diphtheria (including membranous croup).	8	7	-	-
Measles	100	-	-	-
Acute-pneumonia	1	-	-	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	1	-	-	-
Erysipelas.	1	-	-	-
Total	124	7	-	1

There was no repetition of the minor epidemics of diphtheria which occurred in the district in recent years.

Difficulty was again experienced in getting cases of Infectious Disease admitted to hospital.

The Isolation Hospital at Burnley was not able to receive all cases. Some had to be admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Darwen.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During 1941, 95 children in Clayton-le-Moors were immunised against Diphtheria.

The following table indicates the number of children immunised in 1942, in the various age groups.

Ages Years.	No of Children Completely immunised.	No. of Children who ceased to attend before completion of course.
Under 1	-	-
1	6	-
2	10	8
3	11	-
4	2	-
5	6	-
6	21	4
7	9	-
8	14	1
9	2	2
10	16	-
11	28	-
12	19	1
13	1	-
14	12	4
TOTAL	157	20 Some of these have left the district.

The immunisation material used was Diphtheria Prophylactic Toxoid-Anti-toxin Floccules. Three injections were given at fortnightly intervals. Reactions were few and mild, a slight local swelling which disappeared within a few days. No Schick Tests were performed.

I again thank the members of the Council for their courtesy and help and for the interest shown in matters relative to the Public Health in the District.

Yours faithfully,

A. DODD,

Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT.

Council Offices,

Clayton-le-Moors.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Clayton-le-Moors Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1942.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

The number of premises visited during 1942 was 123.

From these visits 136 nuisances and defects were noted and 122 were remedied.

99 informal notices and 2 statutory notices were issued.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION AT THE END OF THE YEAR.

No. of houses using:-

Fresh Water Closets (connected to sewers)	522
Waste Water Closets (estimated)	1693
Pail Closet System	7
Privy midden system	3
Total number of inhabited houses	2225

209 blocked drains in connection with slopwater closets were opened.

During the year 8 waste water closets were converted to fresh water closets.

As in the previous year, it was not found necessary to contribute towards the cost of installing fresh water closets in lieu of the waste water system.

The cost of the few which were converted, being met by the owners.

ASHPIT ACCOMMODATION.

There are 2219 houses with moveable ashbins.

The collection of the refuse is carried out weekly by the Surveyor's Department, and is tipped satisfactorily at Butterworth Holme. The tipping is controlled.

WORK DONE BY SURVEYOR'S DEPARTMENT.

Ashpits emptied	20
Ashpails emptied	115638
Privy pails	4040
Loads of House refuse removed to tips	1715
Horse carts of Street Sweepings removed to tips	-
Hand Carts of Street Sweepings removed to tips	1213
Tumblers of Gulley Refuse removed to tips	157
Houses fumigated	7
Blocked drains and W.C.'s opened	209
Loads of snow removed	44
New houses certified as fit for human habitation.	-

UNDER THE SHOPS ACT,1934.

No infringement of the above act was observed.

ERADICATION OF BEDBUGS.

The number of houses found to be infested were:-

Council Houses	Nil.
Other Houses	2

Fumigation by sulphur and vermicide was carried out in these houses.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

The principle type of offensive trades within this district is soap boiling, and no action was required to be taken, as these works are very satisfactory.

Some difficulty was experienced at one factory due to fumes arising from an industrial plant, causing a nuisance, but this was later eliminated somewhat, by a process of filtering.

WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

The number on the register was 52 and their condition on the whole was satisfactory.

The number of factories inspected with mechanical power	3
The number of factories inspected without mechanical power	7

The number of defects found on these premises were

Insufficient sanitary conveniences	1
Other offences	1

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1942.

No. of new houses erected during the year:-

(a)	Total (including numbers given separately under (b))	-
(i)	By the local authority	-
(ii)	By other local authorities.	-
(iii)	By other bodies and persons	-
(b)	With State assistance under the Housing Acts:-	
(i)	By the local authority	-
(ii)	By other local authorities	-

HOUSING CONDITIONS.

The general observations as to housing conditions are as follows:-

There are no congested areas in the district, the majority of the houses are stone built with through ventilation, about a quarter of which are very old, and there are no back-to-back houses.

Many applications for houses were made, some of which were applicants from outside districts, desiring to live near their war time works.

Difficulty was experienced, owing to shortage of labour in the building trades, to get essential repairs completed.

FITNESS OF HOUSES.

Owing to the nature of the sub-soil (clay), ground dampness exists in a large proportion of the older houses, especially in the living rooms which have flagged floors.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

The following foodstuffs were examined and condemned as unfit for human consuption:-

Fish	196 lbs.
Canned Meat	40 lbs.
Canned Fruit	12 lbs.
Condensed Milk	48 tins.
Eggs	3 dozen.

MILK SUPPLY.

Under the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, the Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922, and the Milk and Dairies Order, 1926, inspections were made. Nothing of a substantial character was done in the way of alterations during the year.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDER, 1936 and 1938.

No. of dealers' licences (including supplementary licences) issued by the Local Authority during 1942 in respect of:-

Tuberculin Tested) Milk:-

(i) Bottling	none
(ii) Distribution	none.

"Accredited" Milk:-

(i) Bottling	none
(ii) Distribution	1

No. of licences issued in respect of "Pasteurised" Milk:

Pasteurising Plant	none
Retail Distributors	2

FARMS.

No. of Dairy Farms	9
Approximate No. of Cows in district	150
No. of Cow-Keepers (including dairy farms)	9
No. on Register	9
No. of Inspections during the year	26
No. of Dairymen (other than Cow-Keepers) or Milk purveyors	35

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

7 houses were disinfected during the year after infectious disease.

8 books were fumigated from the library prior to re-circulation.

Yours obediently,

JOHN H. BRIDGE,

Sanitary Inspector.